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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paal et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,364,245) in view of Paukov (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0226279).

With respect to Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15 and 28-29, Paal et al, Figures 1-18, teach a mounting assembly 32 for mounting a roll of sheet material 162 having a central cylindrical opening in a dispenser 30 for dispensing sections of said roll of sheet material, said dispenser being one of a type having a housing with a main plate 34 and a cover 36, comprising: a receptacle mounted on one of said main plate and said cover for receiving and retaining said short cylindrical portion in sliding engagement; a roll engagement element mounted on another of said main plate and said cover operative to slidably engage an end of said central cylindrical opening opposite to an end into which said bung is inserted. Paal teaches all the elements of the mounting assembly except for a bung. However, Paukov, Figures 1-5, teaches a bung having a tubular body operative to tightly engage an interior of said central cylindrical opening and to resist withdrawal from said central cylindrical opening and a short cylindrical portion frangibly connected to said tubular body such that the force required to fracture said frangible connection is less than the force required to withdraw said tubular body from said roll; said tubular body

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includes a plurality of outwardly directed projections; a flange 22. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide Paal et al with a bung, as taught by Paukov, for the purpose of securing the bung to the core thereby allowing the support and rotation of the roll.

With respect to Claim 4, Paal et al in view of Paukov are advanced above. Paal in view of Paukov teach all the elements of the tubular body except for said plurality of outwardly directed projections extend parallel to an axis of said tubular body. However, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice, as determined through routine experimentation and optimization, to design the projections of Paal et al in view of Paukov to run parallel to an axis of the tubular as specified in Claim 4 because one of ordinary skill would have been expected to have routinely experimented to determine the optimum design for a particular use. Further, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the orientation of the ribs are of little or no consequence as long as the ribs secure themselves with the inner cylindrical core.

With respect to Claims 10 and 16, Paal et al in view of Paukov are advanced above. Paal in view of Paukov teach all the elements of the tubular body except for the roll engagement element being conical. However, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice, as determined through routine experimentation and optimization, to design the roll engagement element of Paal et al in view of Paukov to be conical as specified in Claim 10 because one of ordinary skill would have been expected to have routinely experimented to determine the optimum design for a particular use.

With respect to Claims 17-25 and 30-31, the method described in these claims would inherently result from the use of mounting device of Paal et al in view of Paukov as advanced above.

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William A. Rivera whose telephone number is 571-272-6953. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Q. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-6952. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3654

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